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In re application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

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SPINAL FUSION IMPLANT

Art Unit: 3764

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 1-2 in the above-captioned application be amended by adding reference numbers 222, 234, and 236 to Figs. 1 and 2, and change reference number 38 to 238 in Fig. 1A for consistency with the description. The changes are indicated in red on the attached copies of the originally filed drawings.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, applicants respectfully requests that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

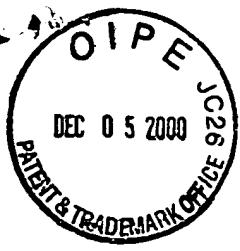
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1066. **A copy of this sheet is enclosed.**
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